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For : NETWORK FACSIMILE APPARATUS AND TRANSMISSION
METHOD



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Examiner:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 27, 1999 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 12, 2000 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicant brings the following information to the Examiner's attention:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report from the European Patent Office dated October 10, 2000, with respect to counterpart Patent Application 99 110022.3, in which the European Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507, to C.R. BOBO, II, issued on October 7, 1997, was cited as an "X" category document (i.e., a document particularly relevant if taken alone) with

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respect to claims 1-18 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract and Figures 1 and 3 as being relevant.

EP 0 845 894 A, to BOSTON TECH INC., published on June 3, 1998, was cited as an "X" category document with respect to claims 1-18 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract, column 2, lines 3-16; column 2, line 48 - column 3, line 13; column 11, lines 6-23; column 12, lines 15-21; and column 12, line 33 - column 13, line 30 as being relevant.

WO 97 09682 A, to ELONEX PLC, published on March 13, 1997, was cited as an "X" category document with respect to claims 1-18 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract; Figures 1 and 3; and claims 5, 7, 11 and 19-23 as being relevant.

WO 98 23058 A, to G.S. FREISHTAT et al., published on May 28, 1998, was cited as an "X" category document with respect to claims 1-18 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the Abstract and claims 1, 9, 16, 19, 24, 26, 28, 31 and 35 as being relevant.

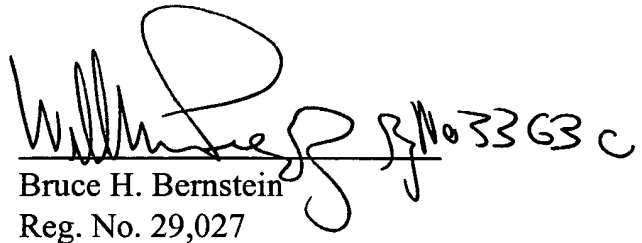
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patent documents, together with a copy of a PTO-1449 Form listing these documents, are included for that purpose. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully

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requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next Official Action in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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